



## St. Marys River Management Committee

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### **St. Marys River Celebration cleanup sites announced**

PALATKA, Fla., March 7, 2005 — Sites for the 2005 St. Marys River Celebration were announced today as part of final preparations for the annual event.

With the Celebration less than two weeks away, organizers say more than 700 volunteers are expected at cleanup, which will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 19, in Baker and Nassau counties in Florida and Camden and Charlton counties in Georgia.

An appreciation picnic for volunteers will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at White Oak Plantation. Tickets, which will be required for entry to the private facility, will be available to cleanup volunteers from their site captains.

The cleanup sites are identical to last year's locations: the Boy Scout Camp, Stokes Landing, St. George Bridge, Tompkins Landing, Traders Hill, Scotts Landing, Camp Pinckney, Prospect Landing, Kings Ferry, Temple Landing, White Oak Plantation, U.S. 17 Bridge, Egans Creek, A1A bridge at the Intracoastal Waterway, Lofton Creek, Mills Creek Landing, St. Marys, Ga., riverfront, Edwards, I-95 bridge, and the pogy plant. The U.S. 301 bridge is an additional site but only accessible by four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The Celebration is a one-day volunteer cleanup sponsored by the St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC), Keep Nassau Beautiful and White Oak Plantation.

"The St. Marys River Celebration is a perfect opportunity for neighbors and friends to join together to help clean up and protect the river," says Dean Woehrle, longtime event organizer. "The cleanup brings attention to the need for preservation and protection of the river systems throughout the year."

Volunteers should bring rakes and dip nets, as well as sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, heavy gardening gloves or dishwashing gloves. Boats and canoes also are needed. The St. Marys River Management Committee will provide trash bags, dumpsters and the post-cleanup picnic at White Oak Plantation.

For more information or to register for the cleanup, please call Dean Woehrle at (904) 879-3498 or Keep Nassau Beautiful at (904) 548-0162.